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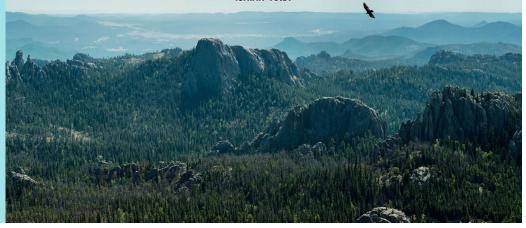




## THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES:

THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

**ISAIAH 40:31** 





By Dan Jenkins

## In Whose Name, By What Authority?

A penetrating

religious ques-

tion—by whose

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The church had an astounding impact on the city of Jerusalem from the day it began. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which enabled lowly Galileans to speak in languages they had never studied, could not be ignored. Nor could the message about the risen Savior be easily dismissed.

The apostles confronted those who had killed Jesus and showed the Jews that He had been raised from the dead and was now highly exalted in heaven. When those who were convicted of their sin asked what they must do to get right with God, the answer was given. They were told, "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for authority are you doing this? the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38).

Look at these words carefully. They were not told to be baptized because some men decided that was what should be done. It was to be done because Jesus said they should do it. It was a command based on the authority of Jesus. It was in His name, by His authority. Look at the next few chapters. The apostles repeatedly showed that all that was happening was done by the authority of Jesus, in His name.

The next chapter tells of the healing of the crippled man at the temple. Notice the phrase used by the apostles in this miracle. "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up

and walk" (Acts 3:6). Immediately, this man entered the temple and was leaping and walking, praising God for what had just happened. The multitude came together again, and Peter said, "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know" (Acts 3:16).

The religious leaders immediately arrested the apostles because their authority over the people was threatened to those who taught the people that authority was found only in

> the name of Jesus, by His authority. These leaders asked the apostles this question, "By what power or by what name have you done this" (Acts 4:7)? What a penetrating question which should be asked in every religious discussion—by whose authority are you

Let me illustrate. Ask these questions. By doing this? what authority do you sprinkle water on a baby and call this baptism? By what authority do you wear any other name than the name Christian to denominate you and others who share your ideas from all others? By what authority do you tell a sinner to repeat the "sinner's prayer"—a prayer nowhere found in the Bible—in order to be saved? By what authority have you changed the worship so much that a first century Christian could not identify his worship with yours?

> I hope you see the importance of this. "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord" (Col. 3:17).



## Not Hard to Please!

Some people are hard to please. Have you noticed that? Some are intentionally hard to please, while others, perhaps, unintentionally. What makes certain folks hard to please? Some make impossible demands, some set expectations way too high, some do not make their expectations clearly

known, some randomly change their expectations, some just don't want to be pleased.

Aren't you glad that God is NOT like that!? Isn't it amazingly wonderful that God, in all of His perfection, is not impossible to please!? God doesn't make impossible demands! God doesn't set expectations that we cannot reach! God has made His ex- possible for us to pectations clearly known, and He has promised us that those expectations will not change!

What an amazing God! He wants us to please Him and He makes it very possible for us to do that! In fact, Paul recorded that God is so eager for us to please Him that He "works in" us "both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). He is ready, willing and active in helping us to do those things that please Him (cf. John 8:29). So, what can we do to please our God? How can we develop a reputation for being "pleasing to God" (Heb. 11:5)? Consider some verses that have the word "please," "pleasing" or "pleasure" in them.

Having an obedient faith that diligently seeks Him is pleasing to the Lord (Heb. 11:6).

Keeping His commandments is pleasing to the Lord (1 John 3:22; 1 Thess. 4:1-2).

Being obedient to parents in all things is well pleasing to the Lord (Col. 3:20).

> Being fruitful in our efforts to serve Him and bring others to Christ is pleasing to the Lord (Col. 1:10).

Speaking to others of the gospel of Jesus Christ is pleasing to the Lord (1 Thess. 2:4).

Making sacrifices by doing good and sharing with others is pleasing to the Lord (Heb. 13:16).

Giving sacrificially to the Lord's work is well pleasing to the Lord (Phil. 4:18).

Vigorously refusing to be entangled in the affairs of this life is pleasing to the Lord (2 Tim. 2:4).

Remaining steadfast and not drawing back from our faith is pleasing to the Lord (Heb. 10:38).

"The Lord takes pleasure in His people" (Psa. 149:4). Therefore, like Jesus (John 8:29), we ought to "make it our aim...to be well pleasing to Him" (2 Cor. 5:9). That requires action on our part, but the Lord has told us exactly what to do, and He will help us to do His will! What an amazing God!



By Josh Blackmer

## **Intolerant Jesus**

People shape the image of Jesus into what they think is acceptable. If people would read the Bible, they might think Jesus was a very intolerant person—not the all-accepting pacifist they make Him out to be.

Jesus was intolerant of any extrabiblical description of Himself. He is the Mes-

siah (John 4:25-26). He is the Son of God (John 5:17-18). He is the bread of life (John 6:35). He is the light of the world (John 8:12). He is the door (John 10:11-14). He is the good shepherd (John 10:11-14). He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Jesus is intolerant of any other religious authority. With His "but I say unto" statements from the Sermon on the Mount, the people recognized that He taught with authority (Matt. 7:28-29). He forgave sins to demonstrate His authority on earth (Matt. 9:6). Jesus said to the apostles, "All authority has been given to Me" (Matt. 28:18). There is no room for any other authority.

Jesus is intolerant of any other system of worship. During the temptation Jesus said, "You shall worship the Lord thy God and Him only you shall serve" (Luke 4:8). To the woman by the well He said true worshipers will worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:21-24). We must worship with the right object, God, in the right spirit, and according to truth.

Jesus is intolerant of any extra-biblical way into heaven. Jesus said the way is narrow (Matt. 7:13-14). "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

Jesus is intolerant of a loose idea of discipleship. You can't look back (Luke 9:62). You can't love anyone more than Jesus (Matt. 10:37-38). Jesus said that you can't love self more than Him. We must deny self (Matt. 16:24).

Jesus was intolerant of a loose view of truth. "In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). Jesus said that freedom is tied to the right concept of truth (John 8:32). Jesus said the word of God is truth (John 17:17). Jesus said that He is the truth (John 14:6).

There are many other things that Jesus was intolerant of, like a perverted view of marriage, cheap blessings, or various churches. He was intolerant of anything that would cheapen, pervert or contaminate the pure and healthy teaching of the truth. His narrowminded intolerance should be ours (Phil. 2:4). Be warned. To take a stand for anything now is considered to be intolerant of any opposing view. Just taking a firm stand for anything will quickly find you being labeled like Jesus. We need to make sure we are standing up for those things that are important and holding onto the truths of the word. We must not change the real Jesus.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

His

narrowminded

## Ask not what others can do for you...

On any given day, there are members of the Lord's church busy in serving others. There are deacons and other members who are often working (on their own time) on projects at the church building—painting, plumbing, electrical, technology, landscaping, maintenance, children's Bible class resources, etc., etc. But, not just at the church building. Unbeknownst to many at all, on a daily basis one can find members of the church "doing unto others" in the church—helping them around their house, providing transportation, bringing them a meal, visiting them, checking up on them, etc., etc. (I

So, what about you? JFK said in his inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." Of course, he borrowed that from the Lord, who teaches, "Ask not what others in the church can do for you—ask what you can do for others in the church!" (Phil. 2:3-4; Luke 6:31). What can you do for others? Now, are you doing it? – DS

know I left several things off these lists!)

## Get back on the right track

How many times have you been headed somewhere and there was a "Detour" that you had to follow? Typically, a "Detour" takes you off of the main path, it takes you way out of the way, and then it eventually brings you back to the main path (if you follow it carefully). Can that happen spiritually? Sometimes the devil tries to get us to take a "Detour" from the Christian

walk that leads to heaven. Sometimes our "friends" or the influence of worldly associates can lead us on a "Detour" from the path to heaven. Sometimes we "Detour" ourselves from it.

So, if we have been "Detoured" from "the narrow way that leads to life" (Matt. 7:13-14), what should we do? First, STOP! Don't go any further on your "Detour"! Next, make a U-TURN! Rather than keep going and hope you'll find your way back, turn around and make a direct beeline for the narrow path! Then, TURN RIGHT on God's road to heaven and ASK HIM to keep you straight! You've got a road map in the Bible—use it! And ignore EVERY single "Detour" sign along the way! – DS

## Keep in Your Prayers



## **Pray for These PBL Members**

**Bonnie Arthur** continuing to recover from a recent fall

Karen Bibbee Delray Medical Center (room 275-B), auto accident

**Chuck Clark** awaiting results from 3 MRIs

Carolyn Cullom recovering from a fall

Dianne Frye has not been doing well

Terri Hahn dealing with back pain, undergoing testing

**Ophelia Holmes** dealing with rheumatoid arthritis and other issues

Mary A. Jackson undergoing medical testing

Kay Richardson undergoing medical testing

Isolyn Sinclair having a procedure on May 10

**Linda Studer** no evidence of the tumor any longer

Ralph Williams recovering from eye surgery



the family of Charles Fifield, who passed away on Wednesday evening, May 8.

#### **Long-Term Health Issues**

Lillian Bankstondialysis treatmentsCharles Nortondialysis treatmentsPatricia Ventressdialysis treatments

## **Pray for Our Shut-Ins**

Millie Ames Joe Holland Hattie Daniels Daniel Johnson Sandra Daniels Don & Betty Matter Josie Dawson Deidra Miley Annie Faison Harriet Morris Margie Hardin **Godfrey Pratt** Janet Hickerson Leigh Puckett Loretta Holaday Ricky Smedley

## **Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members**

Mikki Dean Hollie Crotts' sister, pregnant and on bed rest

Tim Deem Allison Roman's brother, Shands Hospital, 2nd infection

Phil Friedly Gary & Doris Friedly's son, recovering from heart surgery

Richard Hill Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from a fall

Ben Smith Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches

Ulysses Smith Mary Brown's brother, receiving leukemia treatments

Terry West Amy West's father, hospitalized last week, now at home



# Church Family **Calendar of Events**

#### Sunday, May 12

 Youth & Family Singing after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

#### Monday, May 13

 Monday Night Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room

#### Tuesday, May 14

Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

#### Saturday, May 18

- PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting at 1:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.
- Fish Fry & Work Day at CFBC from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. RSVP online (www.cfbiblecamp.org).

#### Sunday, May 19

 A Day of Prayer for CFBC. Visit www.cfbiblecamp.org for more details.

#### Thursday, May 23

• Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins.

#### Saturday, May 25

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

#### Thursday, May 30

 Family Group 3 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Novel & Mary Brown.

#### Saturday, June 1

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

#### Sunday, June 2

- **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- High School Graduates' Luncheon after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.



#### Friday, May 17

• Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

#### Saturday, May 18

 Young Adult Escape Room Night. See Ivan Villard for details.

#### Saturday, May 25

VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

#### Saturday, June 1

- VBS Work Day from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Micky Affron.



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#### Saturday, May 25

Jr. High Family Picnic & Transition Event at 10:00 a.m. at PGA National Park. All children in Grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend. Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side and drinks to share. Bring your favorite games and lawn chairs, too. RSVP to Ivan Villard.

#### Sunday, May 26

- Jr. High Family Devo after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- Sr. High Devo after evening worship. Please a drink or dessert.



June 5

Aliens in an Amazon Prime World

Aaron Johnson (West Broward)

June 12

Aliens in a Victoria's Secret World

Kevin Patterson (Sebring)

June 26

Aliens in a Tacebook World

Mike Baker (Concord Street)

July 3

Aliens in a %#!\$@ World

Ben Griffin (Suncoast)

### "...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday, May 5

<u>LOCAL VISITORS:</u> Mr. Jordan Davis; Ms. Marcia Farrar; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Mr. Collin Cato; Mr. LaVon Kinsey; Mr. Stephen Parsons; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Quinntel Smith & Ms. Trellini Harper; Ms. Charbina St. Herbert; and Mr. Justin Strohl.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Sherri Cheshier, Duncanville, TX; Mr. Herbert Dooley, Sebring, FL; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. Kendal Edmison, Edmond, OK; Ms. Kelley Evans, Plano, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Tori Flanagan, Sneedville, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Hall, Maury City, TN; Mr. Scott Kelly, Jacob, & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Delores Lupo, Jennifer Lupo & Joseph Lupo, Sneedville, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Monte & Cecilia Morse, Sneedville, TN.



Dear PBL,

Please continue to pray for me. I'm having a terrible time with my hip. I've had three epidurals and none have helped. I'm grateful for your prayers, the phone calls, and cards. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Chuck Norton

Thank you, brethren, for the expressions of sympathy at the passing of my sister. Thank you for the texts, cards, and beautiful plant. Being together here in God's family means everything to me. I love you all.

Joyce Parker

**Esther Saintil** has moved to Garner, NC. She writes "Thank you for all the prayers and support since my mom's passing. I have felt the love of PBLCOC and appreciate you for it. I love and will miss you all."



Sunday (May 12th) Brianna Solis

Monday (May 13th) June Pack

Tuesday (May 14th) Mattie Cox Carolyn Cullom Judy Lerro Wednesday (May 15th)
Pete Brown

Saturday (May 18th)
Josh & Cara Blackmer (Ann.)
Rick & Peggy Hall (Ann.)
Jerry & Lorena Pittman (Ann.)
Joan Holloway
Rick Price

#### **Those to Serve**

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday morning</u>, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at <u>9:50 a.m.</u>

If you are scheduled to serve on <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

#### Sunday Morning, May 12

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Lead Singing	Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer	Glen Dawson
Scripture Reading	Kane Campbell
Presiding at Table	Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table:	
Henry Bass	Namdidie Ikon
Ed Buonadonna	Daniel Lord
Harrison Crotts	Vincent Rogers
Eddie Gooden	Marty Williams
Alternates:	
Andy Anderson	Richard Watson
Closing Prayer	Dion Haves

#### Sunday Evening, May 12

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening PrayerSimon Tyson
Scripture Reading Johnny Davis
Presiding at TableIvan Villard
Graysen Hayes
Richard Lerro
Gary Seames
Closing Prayer Cam Crotts
Wednesday Evening, May 15
Lead SingingIvan Villard
InvitationTim Fry
Family Prayer John Hoelzer

<u>Ushers</u> for this week: L.H. Richardson (Head Usher); Mike Erickson & Morris McDaniel <u>Safety Team</u> for this week: Shaun Tyson & Nahum Villard

#### **Our Record**

Attendance	<u>May 5</u>	Apr. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	256	226
Sun. A.M. Worshi	p 315	343
Sun. P.M. Worshi	130	159
Wed. Bible Study	177	174
Contribution	\$15,622	\$15,500

2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$1,230



Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



#### **Service Schedule** Sunday: Bible Classes...... 9:00 a.m. Worship ...... 10:00 a.m. Worship ......6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible classes ......... 7:00 p.m.

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